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ISRAEL

REF: (A) ANKARA 0164 (NOTAL), (B) ATHENS 0183 (NOTAL),

(C) STATE 3123 (NOTAL)

1. BOTH CONSERVATIVE DAILY "TERCUMAN" AND LEFTIST DAILY "CUMHURIYET"

JAN 8 ON INSIDE PAGES REPORT DENIAL BY DEFENSE MINISTER FERIT

MELEN THAT TURKEY HAS PURCHASED WEAPONS FROM ISRAEL. PRESS

REPORTS

QUOTE STATEMENT BY MELEN TO ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT "THE

CLAIM IS COMPLETELY GROUNDLESS. IN NO WAY HAS EQUIPMENT BEEN

PURCHASED FROM ISRAEL." IN ADDITION, PRESS REPORTS HERE CARRY DENIAL

BY GREEK DEFMIN AVEROFF THAT GOG HAS PURCHASED MILITARY

EQUIPMENT FROM ISRAEL. LASTLY, ARTICLES QUOTE ISRAELI DEFENSE

MINISTRY SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THAT HIS MINISTRY HAD NO COMMENT

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ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. "CUMHURIYET" ARTICLE CARRIES ADDITIONAL STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO

DEFMIN MELEN THAT "WE (TURKEY) BUY ARMS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL

DEALERS" BUT "WE HAVE NOT BOUGHT ARMS OR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

FROM ISRAEL." REFERRING TO MHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR STORY AND

AVEROFF DENIAL, "CUMHURIYET" ACCOUNT ALSO NOTES THAT AN

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) HAD NO
COMMENT ON THE MATTER.
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